

**Not Likely to Return.**  
Mr. Bryan is going to South America to find out whether the voice of the people calls him to run for United States senator in Nebraska.—Omaha Bee.

**One on Dan Cupid.**  
Judging from the letters submitted in his breach of promise case, the champion wrestler took a few falls out of Dan Cupid.—Omaha Bee.

**Which Shall It Be?**  
If taxation without representation is wrong, women who are the owners of property should be allowed to vote, or else they should be exempt from taxation.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

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## BIG THINGS.

One in Wethersfield, the Other in Middletown.

The Boston Budget has found two big things in Connecticut. We quote: "While Massachusetts has at Lancaster its mammoth oak and elm trees of that state, Connecticut boasts all New England in its elm at Wethersfield. I think if a child should walk around it he would have to make a circuit of sixty feet or more, and to two to seven feet above the ground the circumference is quite uniform, of about 45 feet. It has two branches that extend almost horizontally more than 60 feet.

"Hartford boasts of having the record breaking birch trees; the dimensions I have not.

"But near the golf grounds at Middletown, on premises owned by Dale D. Butler, is a cherry tree that beats that family in all New England, I think. Its body or trunk of seven feet starts very close to the ground, only a little larger than it continues for seven feet, being a little smaller half way up, and measuring from 15 to 22 feet ground. The cherry tree is of the small black 'tame' or cultivated sort."

Superintendent of Parks George A. Parker was asked recently about the location of the large birch mentioned in the Boston article, and said it probably referred to the very large black birch in Cedar Hill cemetery, off to the left after reaching the cemetery proper. He also alluded to the gigantic celtis, or false elm, in East Hartford, which is pronounced to be the largest of the species in this country.

## Compact Meeting By Mayflower Club

Fourth Annual Held at Wauregan House—Literary Exercises and Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Mayflower club held its fourth annual compact day meeting Thursday afternoon at the Wauregan house. Nov. 21st is the 28th anniversary of the signing of the compact by 41 of the Pilgrim fathers in the cabin of the Mayflower, while at anchor in Cape Cod bay and is a date generally observed by the several Mayflower societies in the various states.

The club entertained a number of guests on this occasion, which made the attendance larger than usual, 37 being present on Thursday. The literary exercises, which were held in the parlors at 1:30 p. m., were planned by Miss Grace D. Wheeler of North Stonington and conducted by Mrs. Nelson D. Rogers of Norwich. In the absence of the club president, Mrs. Christopher Morgan—this announcement being made by Gilbert S. Raymond, Mrs. George A. Haskell of Jewett City gave an account of the general congress in Plymouth last September with special mention of the several pleasant social events of the congress. Mrs. Leobert L. Crandall of New London gave an interesting account of a visit to Scrooby, England, and description of the village, the church and the home of Bradford and Brewster, showing photographs of the latter three buildings.

Miss Eliza W. Avery gave the latest notes from the state societies of Mayflower descendants and Miss Grace D. Wheeler read a clever original poem dealing with members of the club and Pilgrim topics. She also read from a magazine article telling of the old White Bible and its resulting genealogical puzzle. Mrs. Charles B. Graves of Gales Ferry had a paper on Stepping Stones. Mrs. William D. Ours and a pretty original poem upon roses. Miss M. C. Holman of Saybrook gave a report of the state

meeting and banquet held in Hartford on Tuesday and Miss Phoebe H. Brewster of Poquonnick gave two delightful piano solos. The exercises closed with the singing of the Mayflower Song.

An adjournment was made to the dining room at 2:30 p. m., where a Thanksgiving dinner was served. Rev. Dr. Pratt acted the part of chaplain. The decorations were in pink and white, the society colors. The flowers were pink and white chrysanthemums and carnations. Favors were pink carnations and place cards in pink and white. The bonbons also carried out the color scheme.

Those present were Mrs. Nelson D. Rogers, Mrs. E. F. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Crandall, Mrs. Charles B. Jennings, Miss Elizabeth Stark, Miss Lucetta W. Smith, Miss Fannie Potter, Mrs. Joseph G. Cavarly, Mrs. Charles D. Parkhurst, Mrs. W. P. Mercer, Mrs. John L. Branch, Miss Branch, North Stonington; Mrs. Mabel C. Holman, Saybrook; Miss Grace D. Wheeler, North Stonington; Mrs. Charles E. Pratt, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. Waterman R. Burnham, Horace Rogers, Gilbert S. Raymond, Mrs. Burrill W. Hyde, Miss Geer, Miss Lucy Geer, Mrs. Benjamin F. Lewis, Miss Susan Adams, Mrs. Charles D. Gallup, Mrs. Burrill W. Herrick, Mrs. Channing M. Huntington, Mrs. William Avery, Miss Avery, Mrs. Eliza W. Avery, Mrs. Nelson D. Robinson, Norwich.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Raymond are members of the state society. The meeting was as enjoyable as those of the club, always are. The arrangements were in the hands of Miss Wheeler and the eight Norwich members, with Mrs. Hyde as chairman.

**MAKING PROGRESS ON**  
**MONTVILLE PAPER MILL.**  
Old Dye Mill to Be Blown Up—Tenement House to Be Erected.

The construction company at Uncasville is making preparations for removing the machinery from the old dye mill and dismantling the building in readiness for blowing it up. It was reported unofficially that the company intends to erect about fifty tenement houses for the help who will be employed in the new paper mill. This work, however, will probably not be commenced before spring, by which time much of the rough work of preparing the land and site for the main mill and other buildings will be well advanced.

A week has brought about a big stride forward in the work on the new mill by the Thames river and the scene of operations is visited by hundreds of interested people.

Carloads of material for the construction company continue to arrive daily, while additional supplies of brick and building material are frequently arriving by water, the latest to the up before the schooner Silas Brinard with a cargo of brick.

All is now ready for commencing brickwork for the foundation of the big smokestack and this work will be possibly today. The stack will be something of a tower, it being the intention of the designers of the plant to carry this structure up to a height of 175 feet.

The water supply is somewhat of a trouble source just now, as Oxoboxo brook is at the lowest possible level. Water for the new mill is now piped around through Haughton cove from the old dye mill to the site on the old Johnson wharf, coming through all right by gravity, after a slight haul once been started in the morning, only the supply is scarcely abundant enough to keep all the boilers going.

The amount of work done daily by the big force of men engaged may be estimated when it is told that scarcely two weeks have elapsed since the first active steps were taken towards clearing ground for the building of the new dam across the outlet of Oxoboxo brook and that the brook, for the first time since it flowed through the valley centuries ago, is today confined at its mouth by a barrier of stone and timber.

The dam will be a very solid structure of stone and concrete and will be about 18 feet in width. A solid anchorage to rock has been obtained on each side. The old road leading to the dye mill will soon have to be discontinued.

**FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**  
Annual Meeting to Be Held at Cheshire Today and Saturday.

The programme of the 13th annual meeting of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Cheshire today and Saturday, follows:  
Friday—Afternoon session, 2 o'clock invocation. Rev. C. Starkman, addresses of welcome, Miss Lillian Stoddard, Cheshire club, Rev. J. D. Skilton, Cheshire school; response, Mrs. W. H. Phelps, president; greetings; minutes of last annual meeting; reports of officers, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, auditor; music; tribute to Miss Parlow, Mrs. J. E. Mason; clergy, committee, chairman, Mrs. H. L. Hunt; household economics, chairman, Mrs. F. S. Wardwell; arts and crafts, chairman, Mrs. E. L. Curtis; address, Mrs. William Cummings Storer.

Evening session, 7:30 o'clock—Music; Woman in Medicine, Mabelle J. Perry, M.D.; The American Woman and Her Foreign Critics, Mrs. Martha Foster Crow; music; Personal Experiences of an Editor, Mrs. Katharine Moody Spaulding; reception, 9:30 o'clock, in the library of the Cheshire school.  
Saturday—Morning session at 9:45 o'clock—Business, reports from county organizers, presentation of new clubs, president's address; music; forestry committee, chairman, Mrs. F. W. Gerard; discussion (1) Hetch-Hetchy Valley, (2) Waterways; health department, chairman, Dr. Sophia Penfield; report of credentials committee; business; luncheon, 12:30 o'clock.  
Afternoon session, 1:15 o'clock—Music; literature committee, chairman, F. S. Hartwell; education committee, chairman, Miss Jane Burbank; address, President F. S. Luther of Trinity college; discussion (1) Organic Education, (2) Inducements to Education, (3) The Teaching Profession; music; civil service committee, chairman, Mrs. F. H. Dart; paper, Mrs. Eugene Oakley of Philadelphia; industrial conditions, chairman, Mrs. P. T. Walden; report of committee on resolutions; adjournment.

**West Side Pinochle Club.**  
The West Side Pinochle club held their monthly meeting in the pinochle tournament Thursday evening, the leaders maintaining their respective positions. Three more meetings remain in the tournament, that of next week being omitted because of Thanksgiving. The scores: Lewis 74-150, Reeves 73-150, Mason 72-150, Tetreault 72-150, Dibble 72-150, Cobb 72-150, Pettis 71-150, J. Jordan 71-150, O'Neill 71-150, A. Jordan 71-150, Bailey 70-150, Peckham 70-150.

**Groton.** Joseph Silva of New London has obtained the lease of the main hall of the O. G. U. W. building for one month for moving picture shows which will include illustrated songs.

**UNION MEETING**  
**HELD AT PLAINFIELD.**  
Quarterly Session of Eastern Connecticut Branch of Woman's Board.

An all-day session of the Eastern Connecticut Branch of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was held at the Congregational church in Plainfield on Wednesday. The sessions were well attended and of much interest. Mrs. Willard, the president, presided.

At the morning session, reports were given concerning a convention recently held in Boston, and the service closed with a short devotional service. A basket lunch was served in the vestry at noon, the ladies of the Plainfield church serving coffee.

The afternoon session began at 1:15. Reports were given regarding the Christian Endeavor branch of the women's board and were listened to with much interest. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Hazen, a missionary from India. She gave an interesting account of work in that country and told of the need of more helpers, especially Bible women. Three more were needed in her district, and the speaker made a strong plea for funds with which to support these women. The cost of maintaining a Bible woman one year in India is \$30. The meeting closed at 3:30.

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